

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M:21- 236

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic The Norman B. and Roberta Jacobs Home

other Mason's Flower Shop

### 2. Location

street and number 420 East Diamond Avenue not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg vicinity

county Montgomery

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Craig E. and Ellen L. Brown

street and number 420 East Diamond Avenue

telephone

city, town Gaithersburg

state MD

zip code 20877

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Judicial Center

FT561 & FT562  
tax map and parcel FT52, N971

city, town Rockville, Md

liber 13612 folio 35

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

RESOURCE TYPE: Contributing

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

The house at 420 E. Diamond Avenue is located on the nearly intact north side of the 400 block of E. Diamond Avenue. It faces south on a 21,587 square narrow and deep rectangular lot, located in a low density commercial/residential/office area of Olde Towne Gaithersburg on two-lane East Diamond Avenue. Despite the mixed uses, East Diamond Avenue and this property retains many large trees and deep front yards. Across the street is a section of modern commercial and industrial structures. To the west is a residence, now used commercially. To the east is a house of the same era, also now used commercially. Although now more commercial than residential in 2001, the area with its wide paved road, sidewalks and front yards on the north side retains the sense of a 1900-1930 residential streetscape.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The subject house at #420 E. Diamond Avenue is a classic American vernacular foursquare dwelling, two-and-a-half stories, wood frame, with a pyramidal hipped roof, a full width front porch that wraps to the west side mitered projecting bay, and a square one-story bay on the east façade. It appears to have its original wood lap siding, Doric style porch columns and railing, and embossed tin shingle roof. It has some Arts and Crafts and Shingle style details, such as the paired windows in the front elevation, deep overhanging eaves, the central hipped-roof front dormer, casement windows in the dormers, decorative shingles in the gable over the two-story west bay, a shed-roofed one-story square bay with exposed rafter tails on the east facade, and the stepped design of the distinctive red brick chimney. Unlike other houses on the block, its window sash pattern is one-over-one. The foundation is red brick, with field stone underlying the brick toward the front of the house. The foundation of the rear is concrete block, indicating a later addition. The landscaping, window and door arrangement, chimney location, and overall exterior appearance of the house are represented in the following photos, which are incorporated by reference.

The Tax Assessor's Office worksheet sketch plan for 1960 is reproduced on the next page, showing the dimensions of the house and outbuildings at that time. The basic outline of the house does not appear to have changed since then, but the two outbuildings are no longer there.

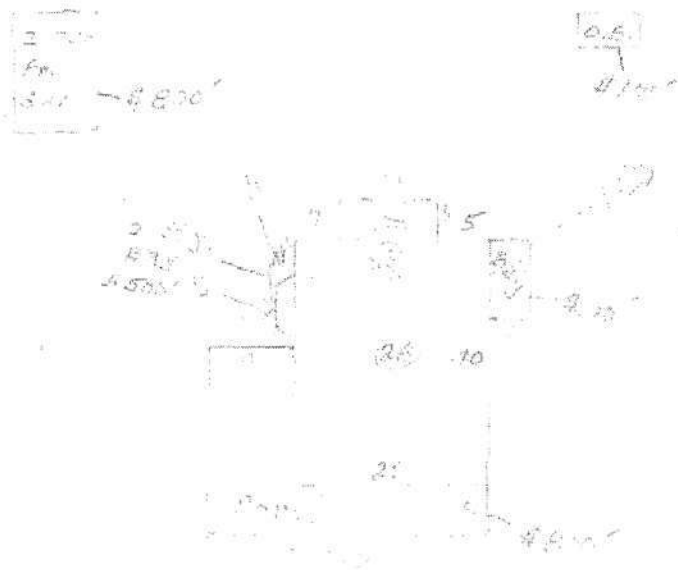
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Left:  
1960 Maryland Tax  
Assessor Worksheet  
Sketch Plan of 420 East  
Diamond Avenue.

Below:  
The front (south) and  
east elevations of 420  
East Diamond Avenue,  
showing the square bay,  
porch, hipped roof and  
front dormer and the  
chimney.



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Photo 2 shows the front elevation from across E. Diamond, looking north, including the casement windows in the hipped dormer.



Photo 3 shows the west elevation, with its two-story hexagonal bay with square gable dormer roof. The roof of the bay has deep eaves overhanging the angled sides of the bay. The gable end over the bay has decorative shingles. The photo also shows the stepped design of the red brick chimney, the red brick piers supporting the porch, the lattice in between those piers, the rear red brick chimney (probably from the kitchen) and the shed roof on the rear addition to the house



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Photo 4 shows the east elevation, with its square shed bay set on a concrete foundation, rear chimney, and rear shed roof.

The 1930 Sanborn Map shows #420 with the west bay, but not the east one, and a small addition across the east two-thirds of the rear. It also shows a garage at the property line with #418 and two outbuildings, one larger than the other, in the back yard. This apparently reflects the original house and an earlier garage. The 1949 Sanborn Map shows the house with the rear addition all the way across the back, a small addition stuck onto it, and no east side bay. The garage is still present in 1949 Sanborn Map, (8.3), but not the other two outbuildings. The 1960 Tax Assessor's worksheet shows the house as it is now and the existence of the garage and one outbuilding. It also notes "condition fair, minus" and "no sewer."

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Significance dates 1914

Architect

Specific dates 1914

Builder Norman Jacobs

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one- paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE

The 1914 house at 420 East Diamond Avenue is one of a number of period residences built from 1886 to 1930 on the north side of East Diamond Avenue. Built in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, it is typical of vernacular American foursquare architecture and is largely intact. It was built by a member of the Jacobs family, who established a family enclave and business on East Diamond Avenue. As was common during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was used both as a residence and business location during its history and continues this commercial use in 2001. Its location on the Gaithersburg-Laytonsville Road, connecting the two farming communities, was a prominent one.

### History and Support

After the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad was initiated in 1873, traffic surely increased as the commercial center of Gaithersburg moved from Frederick Road to near the depot at Summit and E. Diamond Avenues.

The house lot at 420 E. Diamond Avenue is part of the original Deer Park tract patented by Jeremiah Crabb in 1723 (see attached history). Much of the land that was settled in the nineteenth century as Gaithersburg and that now lies to the north and east of Route 355 in the city limits of Gaithersburg was part of Deer Park.<sup>1</sup> Generally speaking, the half of Deer Park north of Summit Avenue was associated during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries with the Gaither, Gloyd, Walker, Rabbitt, and Brookes families. The southern half of Deer Park was primarily associated with the Clopper/Hutton family. (Adding to the confusion is the fact that there was also another Deer Park tract in Montgomery County, located next to "Bear Garden Enlarged".)<sup>2</sup>

The Southern half of the Deer Park tract lies on both sides of much of the preferred route for Clopper's proposed Metropolitan Railroad, and surrounds the intersection of Laytonsville and Goshen Roads (now E. Diamond and Summit Avenues). Clopper stood to profit handsomely from development of this land when his railroad went through. Although he and his partners lost their charter to build the Metropolitan Railroad, after the Civil War they were able to persuade the B & O Railroad to build a new line



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following their surveyed route through Montgomery County and Gaithersburg. Francis C. Clopper did not require the B & O to go through the usual condemnation process for acquisition of his Deer Park land for the new line's tracks in 1868; he deeded right-of way to the B & O for a nominal sum plus an agreement that the B & O would construct a station and turnout siding on his property.<sup>3</sup> Francis Clopper died December 31, 1868, having survived his wife Jane Byrne who died 4/28/1865.<sup>4</sup>

Mary Augusta (Clopper) Hutton and Douglas Clopper were the surviving children and heirs of Francis Clopper. In 1855, Mary Augusta Clopper had married William Rich Hutton from Washington, D. C. (b. 3/21/1826, d. at the Woodlands 12/11/1901). William Rich Hutton served as Assistant Engineer of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad and the Washington Aqueduct and Chief Engineer of the C & O Canal, Western Maryland Railroad, the Washington Bridge of the Harlem River in New York and the Hudson River Tunnels in New York. The Huttons' family home was the Woodlands, although William Rich Hutton spent most of his time at his New York office. They had 5 children who survived to adulthood.




At the death of Douglas Clopper in 1870, his other heirs and his sister Mary Augusta Hutton partitioned the real estate that had been left to them from Francis Clopper's estate. Mary Augusta Hutton and others got all of Francis Clopper's 229.5 acre Deer Park estate.<sup>5</sup> The Huttons started selling off lots of various sizes from their Deer Park holdings in 1877.<sup>6</sup> In 1901, William Rich Hutton died.<sup>7</sup>

In August, 1914, Francis C. Hutton and Mary Augusta Hutton, the heirs, sold a parcel that became #420 to Norman B. and Roberta Jacobs.<sup>8</sup> Apparently in a 1924 unrecorded transaction, the Jacobs bought an additional 6524 square feet from the Huttons.<sup>9</sup>

Mrs. Jacobs died in 1966 and Mr. Jacobs in 1968, leaving the house to their three children. The three children put the house and lot at 420 E. Diamond into a trust, which in 1971 conveyed it and 418 E. Diamond, next door, to James W. and Elizabeth Jeanne Jacobs.<sup>10</sup> The sale price of #420 was \$28,000.<sup>11</sup> In 1992, the Jacobs sold #420 and #418 to Steven E. and Donatella P. Clark for \$405,000.<sup>12</sup> In 1995, the Clarks sold #420 to Craig E. and Ellen L. Brown for \$217,500.<sup>13</sup> Mason's Flowers presently operates out of the house.

Norman Bliss Jacobs (b. 1883) was the second of four sons of Jonathan Jacobs. Jonathan Jacobs, his wife, and their younger two sons, Merle (b. 1890) and James Wriley (b. 1887), had moved to Gaithersburg in 1907 from Browningsville in Montgomery County where he had operated J. Jacobs and Son, a blacksmith and wheelwright shop that made wagons and carriages. Mr. Jacobs invented and patented a wagon brake.



In Gaithersburg, the Jacobs rented a house on Walker Avenue while they built their home and carriage works at 413 E. Diamond. The home faced the street and the carriage works was in the rear next to the railroad tracks. The oldest son Willard moved to Gaithersburg in 1908 and built the house at #418 E. Diamond. In 1914, Norman Bliss (b. 1883) moved to Gaithersburg with his family and built the house at



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#420 E. Diamond. All of Jonathan Jacobs' four sons worked at the carriage works at one time or other.<sup>14</sup> In the 1920 census, Norman Bliss Jacobs' occupation is listed as "mechanic shop."<sup>15</sup>

After Norman Bliss Jacobs left Laytonsville, he worked in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore installing hardwood floors. When the family moved to Gaithersburg, he singlehandedly built the house at #420, starting in 1914 and finishing in 1915. The bill for the lumber was \$1700. The City of Gaithersburg's Building Permit archives show several permits issued to Norman Jacobs: one on 9/9/1914, presumably for the original house; one on 11/28/1919 for a cesspool; one on 4/2/1935 for a 16x20 garage, cost \$75; and one on 8/1/35 for a rear addition, 10x28x16, cost \$300.<sup>16</sup> Archival tax assessment records show the property was assessed at \$600 for the land and \$1244 for the house.<sup>17</sup>


Mr. Jacobs worked at the wagon works until 1916 or 1917, when he began work at Thomas Cannery, where he was eventually manager. The Norman and Roberta Jacobs family, including their three children (Hazel Jacobs Jones and Norman Jr., who both died in 1982, and James Wriley, Sr.) occupied the house from 1915 to 1968.



Mrs. Jacobs was known for her baking which she did on Saturdays. James Wriley Jacobs, Sr., remembers being invited to his mother's with his new bride, Betty Jeanne King Jacobs, for Saturday night dinner of chicken-fried steak, hominy, and fresh bread. For Sunday dinner and other special occasions, Mrs. Jacobs would get an old hen out of the brooder house, wring its neck, cut off its head, and pluck it to roast.

At 420 E. Diamond, Santa trimmed the tree on Christmas Eve, and the Jacobs children were not allowed down to see it until the next morning, the oldest first and youngest last. That tradition was carried on in the James Wriley and Betty Jeanne Jacobs family.

Besides the house, the lot at #420 originally had a 2- car garage, a chicken (brooder) house, a meat house, and a lily pond. Beams charred in the fire at Gartner's Funeral Home in the 1930's were reused in the construction of the chicken house. In about 1935, the Jacobs had Tom Ward and Son Contractors put on a rear addition, that included a kitchen and bath downstairs and bedrooms upstairs. At the same time a partition was removed between the living and dining rooms, and the old kitchen become the dining room. Later the brick fireplace on the west side of the house was added.



In the Late 1960's, Mr. Norman Jacobs told his yard man that he wanted to get rid of the old chicken house from the back of the lot. A little while later the fire chief appeared at Mr. Jacobs back door in full regalia; a neighbor had called the fire department to respond to the burning chicken house! The old Gartner beams were still solid. Later, the James Wriley Jacobs demolished the garage to build a parking lot, and also removed the meat house. In the process, they uncovered the lily pond, including old wooden crates for canned peas that had anchored the lilies in the pond. The house has not changed since it was sold by the Jacobs.<sup>18</sup>



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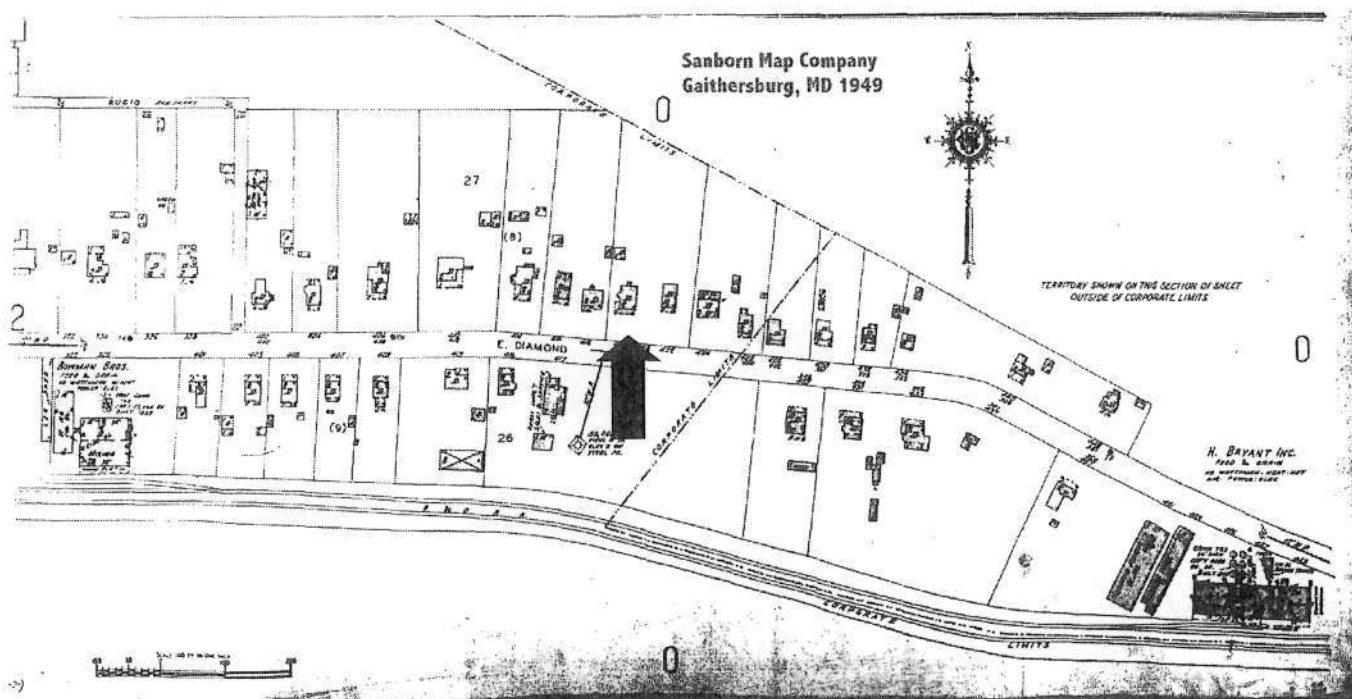
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Roberta King Jacobs died in 1966 and Norman Bliss in 1968.<sup>19</sup> The house was then rented as a residence to the "Dutch" Wayne family and later as an antique shop and a bird house business.<sup>20</sup>

James Wriley and Betty Jeanne Jacobs received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor in 1986 for their restorations of 418 and 420 E. Diamond (copy attached).



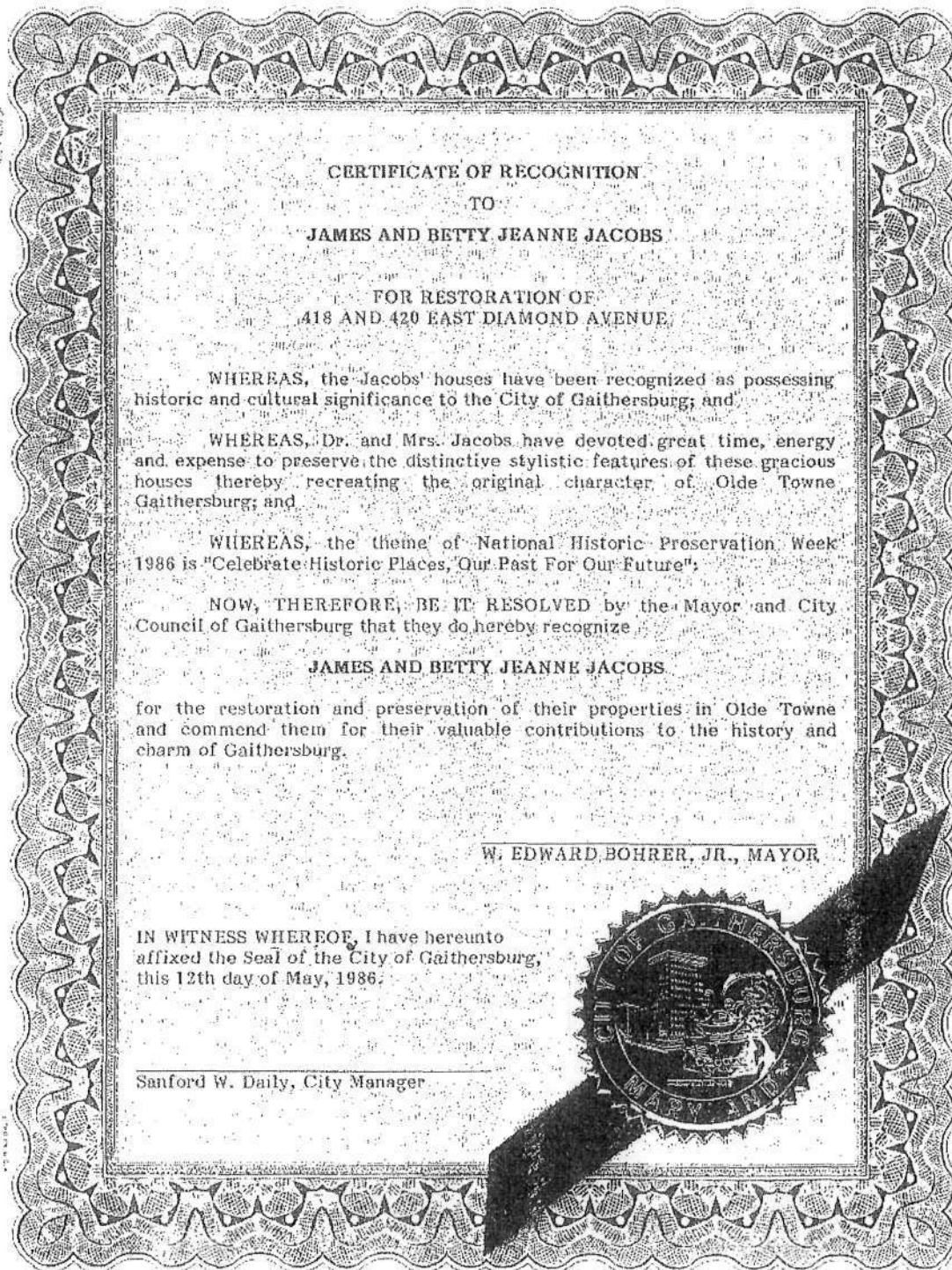
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### HISTORY OF DEER PARK LAND PATENT IN GAITHERSBURG

The Deer Park tract of 470 acres was originally granted by patent to Ralph Crabb on December 1, 1723. It was described as being "on the east ward of the Indian Park." ("Park" is probably a mistranscription by the clerk of "path") After Ralph Crabb's death, his widow Priscilla conveyed the 470 acres to her son Jeremiah Crabb on August 14, 1753).<sup>21</sup> Jeremiah Crabb is shown as living in Montgomery County near Derwood (a name possibly derived from "Deerwood") on the 1794 map of the county.<sup>22</sup> He fought in the Revolutionary War, attaining the rank of General, and served in the U. S. House of Representatives, all before the age of forty, when he died. He is buried in Derwood.<sup>23</sup>




In 1755, Jeremiah Crabb sold the twelve acres of the tract "over the main (i. e., Frederick) road on the west side "to Thomas Clarkson, of Prince George's County "<sup>24</sup> (This is the 12 acres that later became Logtown.<sup>25</sup>) On February 16, 1756, Jeremiah Crabb sold the remaining 458 acres to Williamson Bruce, the tract being described as "beginning at a glade of Muddy Branch, a little to the eastward of the Indian path running thence north."<sup>26</sup> (This point is located on a lot on Central Avenue in Oakmont.)

The next deed reference is in 1780, when John Bruce, presumed to be an heir of Williamson Bruce, conveys 229 1/2 acres (the southern half) of Deer Park to William Holmes for 12,000 pounds.<sup>27</sup>

In the 1783 tax assessment, the Deer Park tract was valued at 229 pounds, and consisted of 1 log dwelling, 1 tobacco house, 90 acres cleared, 3 acres marsh, and had middling soil. It was one of four properties owned by William Holmes. In 1790 he owned 30 slaves, but we do not know at which of his properties they lived. In 1793, the 229 acre tract was valued at about 226 pounds.

William Holmes according to Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland (at 665-668), served in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1786, was Judge of the Orphans' court in 1802-3, and was Associate Judge of the Circuit Court in 1803. He died in 1825 at nearly 79 years of age. His widow Eleanor Holmes and his son Richard Holmes were administrators of his will, recorded at Montgomery County Wills P/309. His son Richard, born in 1791, inherited the Deer Park tract.



Richard Holmes served as a Lieutenant with the Maryland Militia in the War of 1812. In 1823 he married Rebecca Warfield. He was known for arriving for worship at the Paint Branch Chapel (near present day Cherry Hill Road) in a decked-out carriage and for accumulating slaves. In the tax assessments for 1841-42, he was the richest man in Montgomery County. His Fourth District property, the 229 acres of Deer Park, was valued at \$3, apparently depleted as a result of tobacco cultivation. None of his slaves is listed in the Fourth District. He had five children, including his son William, born 4/23/1824. The family lived at The Home Place, Montmorency, a mansion built by Richard's father, William Holmes, and now known as Llewellyn Fields. Llewellyn Fields is a

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Montgomery County Masterplan site located at 950 Norwood Road, in Silver Spring. Richard Holmes died on 9/8/1845, following his wife's death on 4/14/1842.

His son William was Richard's estate's administrator and was required to post a \$250,000 bond with the Orphan's Court. The estate inventory of 1/12/1847 showed he owned stock in the Frederick Road and had five properties, including the "Gaithersburg farm of about 229 acres." The property had apparently deteriorated and was described as having about 20 acres in wood, land quite poor, much unenclosed, and a very indifferent dwelling, rental value \$30 per year. Evidence provided to the Chancery Court in 1847 was that he owned 5000 acres with others as tenants in common, including the "Cracklin District place" of 200 acres in Deer Park. In 1853, the trustees appointed by the Chancery Court<sup>28</sup> to sell off Richard's property conveyed the Deer Park tract to Newland Irish of New York.<sup>29 30</sup>

The deed to Newland Irish conveying Holmes' "Cracklin District place" from the trustees of the Chancery court was recorded at L/f JGH4/132 (2/24/1853). In 1860, Francis Clopper bought it from Newland and Sarah Irish,<sup>31</sup> at a time during the Depression of 1857 and on the eve of the Civil War. Clopper was a wealthy farmer and entrepreneur who had moved to Montgomery County from Philadelphia in the first half of the 1800's. His family was connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad.



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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: III.) Piedmont, Montgomery County, City of Gaithersburg

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): K) Industrial/Urban Dominance :1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s) : 2) Architecture/ Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment:: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/ single dwelling, frame detached residence

Known Design Source: None

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery County Land, Chancery, Equity, Plat and Tax records. Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Crabb and Hutton Family files at the Montgomery County Historical Society. U.S. Census records. Interviews with Charles T. Jacobs and James W. Jacobs, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Gaithersburg; U.S.G.A. Aerial photographs..

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area	<u>21,587 SF</u>	
Acreage surveyed	<u>Gaithersburg</u>	
Quadrangle name		Quadrangle scale <u>1:24,000</u>

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Jacobs Addition to Gaithersburg. Plat 19706. Tax Map FT52, N971.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Gail Littlefield, Historian	Judy Christensen, Architectural Historian
organization	ArcHistory	301-926-2650 Jachristen@aol.com
street & number	6 Walker Avenue	
city or town	Gaithersburg, MD 20877-2704	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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## ENDNOTES

## Endnotes Abbreviations:

MCHS = Montgomery County Historical Society

L/f = Montgomery County Land Record Liber/ Folio

MLK = Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Washington D.C.

JR L/f = Montgomery County Judgment Record Liber/folio

Edwards I or Edwards II = Phil Edwards, Washington Grove I and Washington Grove II

Heart = Gaithersburg: the Heart of Montgomery County, 1978, City of Gaithersburg, MD.

Aerial Photos = 1938 and 1951 aerial photos from U.S. Defense Mapping Agency  
1943 aerial photo from U.S. Photo Conservation Service. All are reproduced from National Archives Collection. Copies are available at the Gaithersburg Community Museum reference library.

<sup>1</sup> See inside front cover of Heart for William E. Hutchinson's overlay of the Deer Park tract on the current street map of Gaithersburg; also attached.

<sup>2</sup> Frederick Co. L/f E/1010 (2/16/1756).

<sup>3</sup> Heart at 16

<sup>4</sup> MCHS Hutton family file

<sup>5</sup> L/f EBP7/89 (1/13/1870)

<sup>6</sup> See list of sales of Deer Park through 1914 in L/f 246/97;

<sup>7</sup> MCHS Hutton family file.

<sup>8</sup> L/f 246/351 (8/8/1914).

<sup>9</sup> See L/f 4132/911 (9/3/1971) referring to sale of 9/22/1924.

<sup>10</sup> L/f 4132/907 and 911 (9/3/1971) recorded also in Mont. Co. Plat #15419 (4/9/1985).

<sup>11</sup> Tax Assessor's Office worksheet.

<sup>12</sup> L/f 10676/184 (9/15/1992).

<sup>13</sup> L/f 13612/35 (9/1/1995).

<sup>14</sup> Preceding Jacobs history from Charles T. Jacobs, son of Merle Jacobs, from notes his father gave about his family, interview of 5/24/2000.

<sup>15</sup> 1920 census microfilm, MCHS.

<sup>16</sup> City of Gaithersburg, Linda Michael's Building Permit file.

<sup>17</sup> City of Gaithersburg Tax Assessment file, for 1919-1929.

<sup>18</sup> Interview with James Wriley Jacobs, Sr., on 8/11/2000.

<sup>19</sup> Obituary files, MCHS.

<sup>20</sup> Interview with James Wriley Jacobs, Sr., 8/4/2000.

<sup>21</sup> Frederick County L/f E/323, as abstracted by Patricia Abelard Andersen, in Frederick County Maryland Land Records—Liber E Abstracts, 1752-1756.

<sup>22</sup> MCHS

<sup>23</sup> MCHS Crabb family file

<sup>24</sup> 4/26/1755, Frederick County L/f E/732, per abstract as above

<sup>25</sup> Frederick Co. L/f M/589 (11/23/1769).

<sup>26</sup> Frederick Co. L/f E/1010 (2/16/1756).

<sup>27</sup> L/f A/522 (7/6/1780).

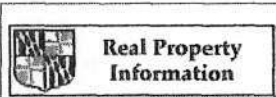
<sup>28</sup> Montgomery County Chancery Court Records reported in L/f B171/632 (2/1847).

<sup>29</sup> Chancery case reported in L/f B171/632 (2/1847).

<sup>30</sup> All the preceding information about the Holmes family was gathered by Eleanor Cooke and contained in the Holmes family file at the MCHS

<sup>31</sup> L/f JGH8/317 (8/16/1860).

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**DISTRICT: 09 ACCT NO: 03097246**

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** BROWN, CRAIG E & E L

**Use:** COMMERCIAL

**Mailing Address:** 420 E DIAMOND AVE  
GAITHERSBURG MD 20877

**Principal Residence:** NO

**Transferred**

**From:** STEVEN E & D P CLARK

**Date:** 09/07/1995

**Price:** \$217,500

**Deed Reference:** 1) /13612/ 35  
2)

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*

**Tax Exempt:** NO

**Location Information** [\[View Map\]](#)

**Premises Address:**

420 E DIAMOND AVE  
GAITHERSBURG 20877

**Zoning:**

RB

**Legal Description:**

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<b>Map</b>	<b>Grid</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Subdiv</b>	<b>Sect</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Plat No:</b>	19706
FT62		N971	201			3	82	<b>Plat Ref:</b>	

**Special Tax Areas**

**Town:**

GAITHERSBURG

**Ad Valorem:**

**Tax Class:**

49

**Primary Structure Data**

**Year Built:**

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**Enclosed Area:**

2,192 SF

**Property Land Area:**

21,587.00 SF

**County Use:**

602

**Value Information**

	<b>Base Value</b>	<b>Current Value</b>	<b>Phase-In Value</b>	<b>Phase-in Assessments</b>	
		As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2000	07/01/2001	07/01/2000	07/01/2001
<b>Land:</b>	156,500	156,500			
<b>Impts:</b>	57,900	82,400			
<b>Total:</b>	214,400	238,900	230,732	89,020	230,732
<b>Pref Land:</b>	0	0	0	0	0



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Norman B. and Roberta Jacobs Home (Mason's Flower Shop)

420 E. Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg

Gaithersburg Quadrangle 1945 (Photorevised 1979)

